

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on February 5, 2007 at 3:03 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Don Ryan, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent:

Sen. Dan McGee (R)

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 362, SJ 4, 1/30/2007
Executive Action: SJ 4

00:00:00 Opening comments by Chairman Ryan

HEARING ON SJ 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:05 SEN. AUBYN CURTISS (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SJ 4, Support funding for Secure Rural School and Community Self-determination Act.

[EXHIBIT\(eds25a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds25a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds25a03\)](#)

00:02:45 Sen. McGee arrived

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:10 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

[EXHIBIT\(eds25a04\)](#)

00:06:59 Ellen Engstedt, Montana Wood Products Association

00:08:57 John Prinkli, President, Montana Association of Counties

00:09:58 Joe Lamson, Office of Public Instruction

[EXHIBIT\(eds25a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:10 None

Informational Testimony:

00:11:19 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:26 None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:38 Sen. Curtis

00:11:54 Sen. Black left

HEARING ON SB 362

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:46 Chairman Ryan opened the hearing on SB 362 as SEN. COBB was called away.

SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 362, Revise compensation of school board trustees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:47 Brandy Moses, representing self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:44 Debra Silk, Montana School Boards Association

Informational Testimony:

00:17:03 None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:14 Sen. McGee to Debra Silk

00:18:05 Sen. McGee to Chairman Ryan

00:20:10 Sen. Peterson to Chairman Ryan

00:21:37 Sen. Peterson to Debra Silk

00:22:13 Sen. Story to Debra Silk

00:24:04 Sen. Story to Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

00:25:38 Sen. Cobb arrived

00:25:46 Sen. Story to Sen. Cobb
00:26:45 Sen. McGee to Sen. Cobb
00:28:52 Chairman Ryan to Sen. Cobb
00:29:26 Sen. Black returned
00:30:26 Chairman Ryan to Lance Melton
00:32:57 Sen. Story to Lance Melton
00:34:07 Sen. McGee to Lance Melton
00:35:53 Sen. McGee to Sen. Cobb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:43 Sen. Cobb

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 4

00:40:15 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. HAWKS moved that SJ 4 BE ADOPTED.
Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:43 P.M.

SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

DR/ms

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([eds25aad.pdf](#))